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IN RE APPLICATION OF

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Examiner: Andrew W. Freistein

APPLICATION NO: 10/524,993

FILED: FEBRUARY 18, 2005

FOR: PREPARATION OF NEW PHARMACEUTICALLY SUITABLE SALT
OF LOSARTAN AND FORMS THEREOF WITH NEW
PURIFICATION AND ISOLATION METHODS

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

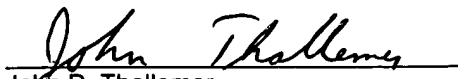
The Office Action of August 18, 2006 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on November 18, 2006. A three-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$1020 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

Respectfully submitted,

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